

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please add a new page, to be numbered as page 41, which is an Abstract for the application. The application as originally filed did not include an Abstract. A page numbered as 41 and which includes an Abstract is attached to this Preliminary Amendment and should be added to the disclosure as an Abstract.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel all claims.

Please add the following new claims:

--17. A method of manufacture of an anti-paratopic antibody comprising the steps of :

- (i) selecting from a pool of antibodies occurring in a first species of vertebrate a prototypic set, wherein members of the prototypic set are antibodies which bind to an aetiological agent of interest, wherein said aetiological agent of interest is capable of causing a mammalian infection;
- (ii) subdividing the prototypic set selected in step (i) into antibody classes IgG, IgA, IgM, IgD and IgE;
- (iii) screening the antibody classes from step (ii) to select one or more classes which bind a specific antigen or group of antigens expressed by the aetiological agent of interest in the first species of vertebrate;
- (iv) utilizing one or more of the antibody classes selected in step (iii) as an immunogen in a host of a different species from the first species or in an *in vitro* incubation system comprising spleen cells derived from the same or a different species from the first species, to produce antibodies having a characteristic which are anti-paratopic with respect to said immunogen and which are a synthetic replicate of the specific antigen or group of antigens used in step (iii); and
- (v) selecting, isolating and purifying the anti-paratopic antibodies produced in step (iv).--

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